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Margaret Toston was selected as UTM's next vice chancellor for Student Affairs last Wednesday.

Toston named vice chancellor for student affairs

Will York
Senior Reporter

Chancellor Tom Rakes last week selected Dr. Margaret Toston from a pool of four finalists as UT Martin's next vice chancellor for student affairs.

When she starts work on July 1, Toston will be in charge of all nonacademic aspects of students' campus life, with responsibilities ranging from Greek Life to dining services to housing to safety.

Toston has been vice president for Student Affairs at Central Connecticut State University—a public college with about 9,600

undergraduates in New Britain, Conn.—since 2004.

"Dr. Toston has broad leadership experience in student affairs, and I am pleased to have her join our senior leadership team," Rakes said.

Details of the contract haven't been finalized, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Al Hooten said Monday, but Toston and the university have agreed in principle to her selection.

"All that's got to be negotiated, so it could take a while," Hooten said.

Hooten also was chairman of the advisory search committee that eventually

recommended four finalists for Rakes' consideration after on-campus interviews late last month.

"From the committee perspective, we were very pleased with the pool of candidates we brought to the campus," Hooten said, something he attributes to getting the search started earlier than usual. "The cream rose to the top. Dr. Toston was quite well-received by everyone."

In all, 32 people—but none already employed by UTM—applied for the position.

"I had many options for new opportunities," Toston said, "but it was UT

Martin's hospitality that won my affection.

"As I spoke with members of the community ... everybody had one goal and that is student success. I felt as though I was among friends and family during the interview process, and that is very important to me," Toston said. "I have long awaited the opportunity to both return to my Southern roots and to continue the work that I love to do."

Toston's selection brings to a close a protracted search for a permanent replacement to Katherine

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VCAA search continues with final finalists



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Burgraff says advocating for faculty is top priority

Will York
Senior Reporter

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs candidate Donna L. Burgraff said in a forum last week her top priority would be advocating for faculty—and in turn providing students with what they need for academic success.

Burgraff also said student affairs—the administrative group that oversees all nonacademic aspects of student life—and academic affairs should be more fully integrated.

"It's no longer a picture of separate boxes and silos in higher education," Burgraff told *The Pacer*. "We have to work together now more than ever."

Burgraff said growth like that experienced at UTM since the beginning of the lottery-funded HOPE Scholarship comes with challenges and opportunities for streamlining the

university's operations.

"Higher ed is always confronted with limited resources, and we have to figure out how to deal with those challenges. (The lottery) brought lots of students to your campus, but it didn't bring significantly more money," Burgraff said.

Recruiting high-quality professors would be among her top concerns to be an advocate for faculty.

Burgraff—a self-described "team person"—said it is impossible to be an expert on all aspects of academic life; that's why she said she surrounds herself with experts who know their field.

"I agree in surrounding myself with people who think differently from I do," she said.

Dean of the College of Business, Education and Professional Studies at Southwest Minnesota State

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Ornes cites research as key to academic success

Will York
Senior Reporter

A strong emphasis on research—even at universities like UT Martin that are primarily focused on teaching—should highlight every academic program, vice chancellor candidate Harold Ornes said.

"I don't view a dichotomy with teaching and research and service," Ornes told faculty during a forum. "I think (research) has to at least be brought together in adjacency (with academics)."

He said each department's view of research would be different; visual arts, for example, shouldn't have the same requirements for research as science.

Research should also be emphasized for faculty development and tenure, Ornes said.

"For (faculty's) own benefit, you need it to stay alive and vigorous, and

the students will feed on that and they will become involved," Ornes said. "There has to be some benefit for undergraduate and graduate students."

Ornes has been the dean of the College of Sciences at Southern Utah University—a public college of about 6,600 students in Cedar City, Utah—since 1999. He is also a certified senior ecologist.

Earning his doctorate in 1978 from Iowa State in aquatic plant biology put Ornes on an unusual path to leadership—something he said will benefit UT Martin.

Ornes said his understanding of research will bring new perspective to the job.

"My tendency is to take risks that are calculated," Ornes said. "I'm perfectly willing to win some and lose some and strike out. I think it's important to not

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Beck: Administration based on communication

Ashley Totty
Will York

Richard Beck emphasized the importance of communication at last week's forum, saying that his administrative style and philosophy is based upon strong communication.

"I believe in collaboration and the open-door policy," Beck told students. "Not just with faculty but also with students."

As part of his approach, Beck plans to improve retention rates by starting a Center for Academic Excellence that would provide faculty with a system to report students who run a high risk of dropping out, while also keeping faculty and staff close.

The center would also check reported students to identify and solve academic shortcomings.

Beck also agrees with lowering the GPA requirements for lottery

scholarships, saying that he sees the idea as consistent with the goal of sending students to college who would not otherwise attend.

Beck suggested lobbying legislators to change the rule that caps lottery scholarships at 120 hours and prohibits summer classes from being covered under the scholarship.

To better retain faculty, Beck said it's important to "provide rewards along the way" and make sure that professors who might have otherwise earned the most pay they're allowed continue to be rewarded—and that may be from doing away with the current pay structure altogether.

Beck in a faculty forum cited research as another tool to bring more money to campus through grants and keep faculty energized.

"Research is important first and foremost for the

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Buxton report says Martin population could decline by 2011

Sara M. McIntosh
Viewpoints Editor

One of the No. 1 concerns for the city of Martin for many potential retailers is the concept of population trends within the 15 minute drive time to the tentative retail location, which the Fort Worth based Buxton determined would decrease by 1,128 in 2011 in their final report compiled for the city.

According to the statistics in this report, the population near the intersection of state

routes 431 and 43 peaked during the 2000 census at 39,216 and the projected population for 2011 is 36,330. The most substantial decrease for the work force population was between the years of 2000 and 2006 from 15,598 to 15,345 with another decrease projected in 2011.

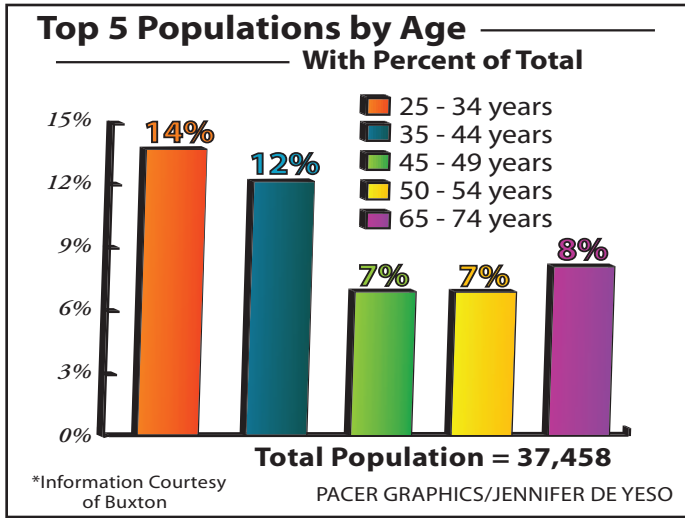
Mayor Randy Brundige has said that he believes the statistics from the census are inaccurate because the town has demonstrated growth trends since the census was last conducted and wanted

to pursue an independent analysis of population trends, which would cost the city a substantial amount of money and time to complete.

The information fueling the data and recommendation made by Buxton is based on the various transaction records, spending habits, consumer trends and overall reasons Martin residents spend their money. After data is collected, segments are made as a "method of classifying, sorting and

grouping people" in a way that differs from basic demographics because two people with a similar financial status as well as spending habits may appear to be almost the same person with the emphasis of individuality being lost, according to the methodology explanation website from Buxton. The company goes on to say that "psychographics is more focused and produces results that are more

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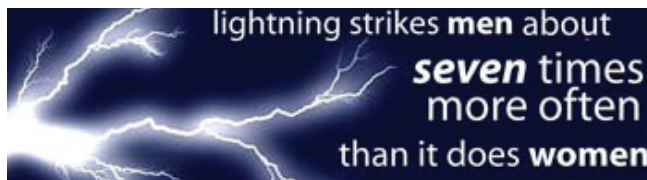
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Our View

Editorial:
Ogg best candidate for next VCAA

UT Martin is on the cusp of change—growing enrollment, increased funding challenges, a call for diversity and, with the advent of the UT system's "Future" campaign, even an identity crisis.

The Division of Academic Affairs deserves—no, needs—a leader who understands the complexity of UTM's unique problems and opportunities.

Four finalists for the vice chancellor for that division were on campus last week, all extolling their experience working with faculty, staff and students. We spoke with them and prodded them for the best path for UTM, a university at a crossroads.

The choice is between two highly qualified candidates: Donna Burgraff, a solid advocate for students and faculty who understands the importance of changing UTM's culture, and Jerald Ogg, a proven leader with a clear vision from UT Martin. Ogg is now serving in the interim position.

Ultimately, the choice for us was analogous to the decision Democrats are facing in naming their nominee for the presidency: Change or experience?

Burgraff would bring a fresh new vision to UTM, one forged by years of successful grant-writing, student advocacy, budgeting and response to faculty and student needs. She has a way of seeing beyond the horizon and finding solutions to tomorrow's problems today.

At a campus where internal hiring and promotion has almost become the norm, Burgraff would be an ideal candidate—for any position except this one.

Jerald Ogg is part of the fabric of this institution, which is certainly a benefit, but when there's a call for change, a detriment.

But Ogg's love for finding high-caliber professors, the Air Force values that he still holds dear, discovering solutions for difficult challenges and of course, this university, make him our favorite for vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Our evaluation of Ogg was more rigorous than others, simply because we have reticence in endorsing an internal candidate.

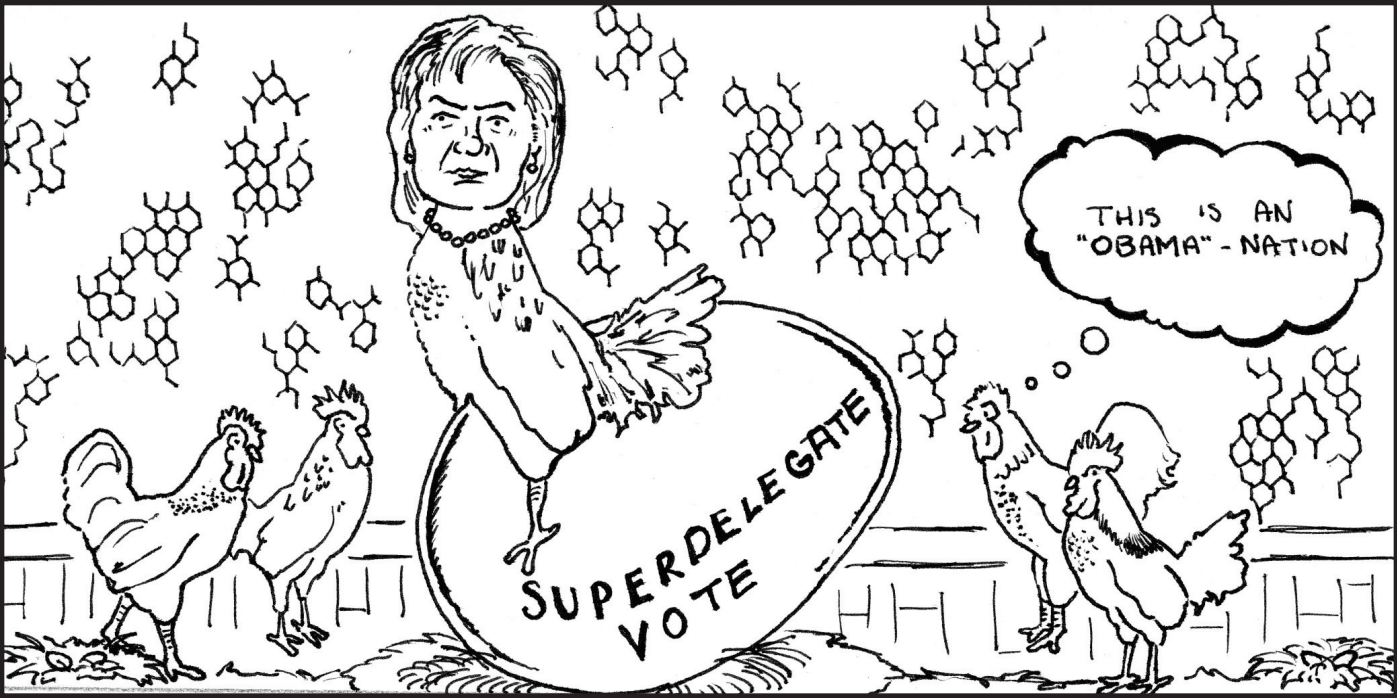
But Ogg's list of achievements and undeniable successes on this campus simply cannot be matched.

His intimate knowledge of UTM is not that of a passive observer; rather, he is an enactor. Ogg makes things happen.

We hope that the next vice chancellor will address enrollment management, retention, recruitment and diversity issues.

And we hope that Jerald Ogg will lead our efforts.

The Pummeling Pen



By: Eric White

Letter to the Editor

Donate blood, save lives

Every year, LIFELINE hosts the annual UTM vs. Murray State Blood Battle. There is usually a turnout of about four hundred to four hundred and fifty people during this event. So why is it that only about a hundred and thirty people showed up to donate in their last blood drive? It was even said from one of the workers that this was one of the worst blood drives that they had been to in the last five to six years.

No's came in so many forms when students were asked to donate rang-

ing from, "I'm scared of needles," "I'm going to lift weights," or "I've got to practice for a game." WOW! Does it not scare the little girls when she has to be stuck with needles while receiving a blood transfusion? Or what about the little boy who wants to lift weights and play ball but can't because he's waiting on someone with his blood type to give blood? Have we become so vain that we are more concerned about how many games we win or how in shape we are than helping maybe just one person survive one

more day?

LIFELINE provides the blood donated from these blood drives for seventeen of the surrounding counties here in West Tennessee. They are running low on type O+ and B+ blood and are on the verge of a critical appeal but all blood types are welcomed. LIFELINE has recently changed some of its policies so that if you have gotten a tattoo, as long as it was done by a Tennessee professional, you can also give blood.

Every one in three seconds, someone will be in need of blood. In the time

it takes you to read this article, many people will be in need of blood. Giving just a pint of blood can help two or three people, maybe your friends or even yourself.

LIFELINE will return in April, and we just ask that you would all come out and support them. Don't just do it for a free t-shirt or to beat Murray State: do it from your heart so that you can say I helped someone today.

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Importance of being prepared, aware essential to surviving storms

Dwight Gatwood
Professor of Music

Tornado preparedness is a concern in the wake of the devastation at Union University. Since my wife is on Union's faculty and we have spent days down there undoing the damage, I have a perspective that could make each of us better prepared for the next one. Yes, Union had regular tornado drills, so often in fact that students

became complacent about them. Certainly they went to the lowest floor, and huddled in the innermost room - but they failed get their "stuff" together in case the threat was real. There were students in pajamas and students without shoes. Essential personal items were left behind. I know of students missing hearing aids, dental retainers, cellular telephones, computers, etc.

One should take this event as a warning for each

of us to "get our act together." If the tornado siren goes off, are you dressed to be outside if it becomes necessary? Do you have your keys, driver's license, cellular telephone, eyeglasses, contact lens case? How about critical medications, your laptop computer, and your billfold with credit cards and cash? If you don't have your "stuff" together, you could find yourself vulnerable in seconds.

We didn't have the cel-

lular telephone numbers of all of my wife's colleagues or all of her students - but you can bet we do now. It was only through cellular calls to the numbers we had that we learned that night that all of her students were safe.

Trapped students with cellular phones were able to guide rescuers to where they were. Only if each of us seriously formulates a list of essentials to have "in hand" will we be better prepared for a tornado.

By: Charles Brubaker

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In the Counselor’s Corner: Here’s hoping!

This is the hopeful time of year. I grew up with the severe winters of New England, and the high, hard snow drifts on the sides of the roads were gray and gritty by mid-February. Everyone was sick of the bitter winds and overcast skies at this time of year. Some of my more affluent classmates returned from our February school vacation with tropical tans, but a week later they were complaining about winter like the rest of us. What made the long cold spell endurable was hope.

We knew that in a couple of months, crocuses would be pushing through the ground, even if there was still some snow on it. Predictably, the world would become greener and warmer, more colorful and welcoming. We could even enjoy the true pleasures of winter – sledding, building snowmen, having snowball fights – more keenly because we knew they were seasonal and would be



Dr. Jennifer Levy-Peck,
Director of
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gone soon.

Even though we have had some mixed-up seasons this year and we are concerned about changes in the earth’s climate, the rhythms of the earth serve to remind us of hope. Hope is the sense that things will change for the better. With hope, most difficulties are endurable. Wikipedia defines hope as “a belief in a positive outcome related to events and circumstances in one’s life. Hope implies a certain amount of perseverance – i.e., believing that a positive outcome is possible even when there is some evidence to the contrary.”

The dividing line between sadness and depression is the loss of hope. Good mental health means having the ability to see adversity as

temporary, to believe that things will improve, and to understand that we have the power to affect some important aspects of our situation, even if there are things we cannot change. What can we do when things seem hopeless? We can regain hope by understanding the opportunity we have to change our own actions, attitudes and beliefs. My father was held as a prisoner of war by the Japanese in World War II. He always maintained that he survived when so many others perished because he was a newlywed and was determined to come home to his bride. He was firmly convinced that hope saved the lives of his fellow soldiers, and that lack of hope killed too many of them.

Albert Einstein said, “Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.” Share some hope with a friend, and save some for yourself. Spring will come.

UT News

UT pres may get increased authority

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — University of Tennessee President John Petersen would have the authority to fire chancellors under proposed changes to the school’s bylaws.

The amendments were approved unanimously on Friday during a Nashville meeting of the trusteeship committee of the UT Board of Trustees.

The full board will take a final vote on the measure at its winter meeting March 11-12 in Chattanooga.

The committee’s move comes two months after former UT-Knoxville Chancellor Loren Crabtree left the school amid disagreements with Petersen over control of the campus.

Trusteeship committee members say the changes have been discussed since early last year and are not a result of Crabtree’s departure.

“There is no direct line between this amendment and any campus chancellor or Institute of Agriculture person,” said Andrea Loughry, the board’s vice chairman and one of four committee-voting members. “You have to take this at its whole.”

The amendments also would eliminate annual board re-elections of chancellors and high-ranking officials. The board annually re-elects Petersen, the executive vice president, five vice presidents, chancellors and the system’s chief financial officer. Under the proposals, the board would retain oversight of Petersen, but he would gain the power to appoint the vice president for development and alumni affairs and the vice president for research and economic development, as well as a chief human resources offi-

cer and a chief information officer. Those positions, like the chancellors, could be dismissed at any time.

UT-Knoxville Faculty Senate President David Patterson said the changes wouldn’t line up with the process for hiring a chancellor, which would still call for a search committee composed of faculty members and other school and community officials.

Patterson and many professors were upset over Crabtree’s sudden departure in January, saying they had no warning or input before he left.

“When it comes to dismissing a chancellor, there’s no articulated role for faculty voice, or faculty advice and consent,” Patterson said. “Had there been a role, we might not be in part of the situation we’re in now.”

Seniors



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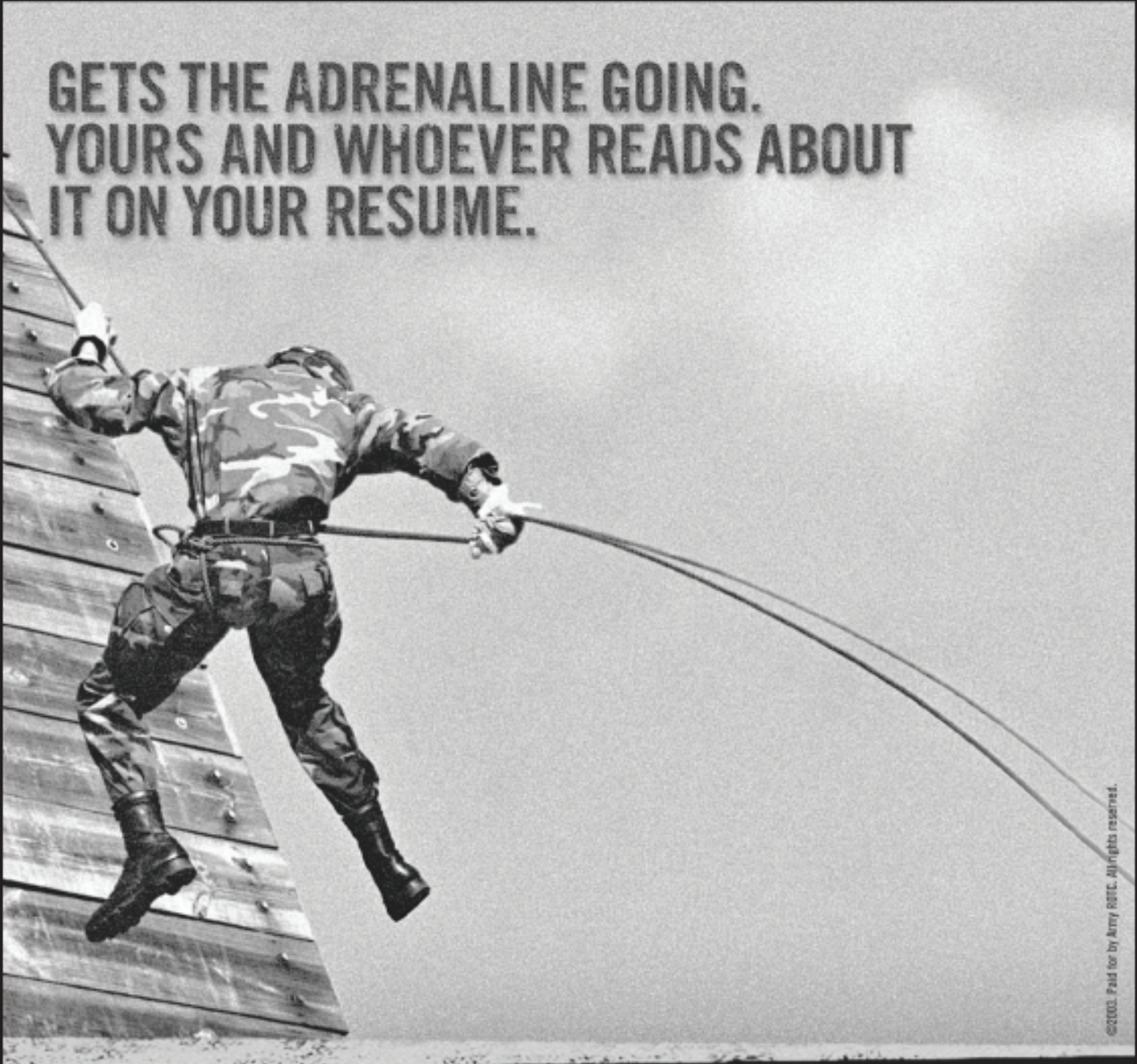
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Memphis teens die from flu, UTM students prepare for its arrival



A student, worried that she might have the flu, visits Student Health to find out. (Pacer Photo/Katie Mercuri)

Heather Peterson
Pacer Writer

Two Memphis-area teenagers died recently from complications from the flu, Health officials said.

The teenagers—from Shelby and DeSoto counties—were hospitalized at Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center with bacterial pneumonia, a flu complication. The hospital's chief of pediatric infectious disease, Dr. Keith English said one teen died on Jan. 22 the other on Feb. 1. A third remained hospitalized Friday due to flu complications.

While pneumonia was the likely cause of death, "both of these teenagers would still be alive today if they hadn't gotten the flu," English said.

At UTM nine students went into student health with the flu on Monday, Shannon Deal, Nurse Practitioner and Director of Student Health, said.

However, health officials said there is no reason to believe children or teenagers are at a greater risk this year.

Flu plays a role in about 36,000 U.S. deaths annually and 90 percent are age 65 and older. Young children, the elderly, persons infected with HIV/AIDS, cancer patients and others with immune deficiencies are most susceptible.

The flu season is getting worse, and U.S. health officials say it is partly because the flu vaccine does not protect against most of the spreading flu bugs. Infections from an unexpected strain have been booming, and now are the main agent behind most of the nation's lab-confirmed flu cases, said Dr. Joe Bresee, the CDC's chief of influenza epidemiology.

Each winter, experts try to predict which strains of flu will circulate so they can develop an appropriate vaccine for the following

season. Usually, the guesswork is pretty good: The vaccines have been a good match in 16 of the last 19 flu seasons, Bresee has said.

Georgia is among 44 states reporting widespread flu activity, up from 31 states last week, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced Friday.

Adding to the problem, health officials report the flu shot is a good match for only about 40 percent of this year's viruses—leaving a large portion of the vaccinated population unprotected.

The flu is rather mild by flu standards with a mild fever, mild body aches and manageable other symptoms. The illness is causing sick people, who do not feel all that sick, not to stay at home and recover, further spreading the bug.

While not compatible with two popular flu strains, health officials still urge people to get the flu

vaccine.

"Even though it's not a perfect match, it can still offer some cross protection for other strains," said Arleen Porcell, a CDC spokesperson. "It can also help make symptoms milder and protect the body from complications."

Common flu symptoms include a high fever, body aches and chills, headaches, dry cough and possibly a runny or stuffy nose. A normal bout with the flu lasts one to two weeks.

If you think you are showing symptoms of the flu you should make an appointment at student health or with your local doctor within the first 24-48 hours.

They can prescribe an anti-viral that may help shorten the length of flu. Over the counter medications will not shorten the time you have the flu, they will only ease some of the symptoms.

UTM third in UT system for minority retention

Loretta McDonald
Pacer Writer

Should personal initiative or university programming be given credit for the rise in retention rates among minorities at the university level?

According to the University of Tennessee System Facts and Figures for 2005-06, the University of Tennessee system had the highest minority retention rates for fall 2003 to fall 2004 at 83.9 percent. The UT Martin campus came in at third in the state with 80.2 percent for that period, beat only by MTSU and Tennessee Tech at 81.3 percent and 80.3 percent respectively.

While recent numbers are lower than previous years, retention for minorities is still increasing. 68.8 percent

of minority freshmen in fall 2005 returned in fall 2006. Numbers increased as 74.4 percent of minority freshmen in fall 2006 returned in fall 2007.

So what is UT Martin doing to contribute to these competitive rates? It doesn't seem like much. Because of the lack in funding for programs geared towards minorities, students must rely on more general programs to get help. One such program is the TRIO program.

TRIO was implemented two and a half years ago to provide assistance for first-generation, low income and disabled students. Out of the 160 students served by the program, nearly half of them are black. Kathy Eskew, director of the TRIO Student Success Services program, admits that while

a greater number of minorities are being served than in the past, that is not the intention of the program. Anyone eligible is recruited. Eskew agrees with the federal government statistics in that the educational level of a student's family has more impact than the race of the student.

Teresa Woody, director of the Office of Minority Affairs, feels that more funding should be given for programs and financial aid for minority students. While students may leave UT Martin for a variety of reasons, increased funding for programs such as the Harold Conner Scholars program, will increase a student's likelihood for staying.

Woody also feels that faculty play an important role in making students feel like

they belong.

"Faculty are more important than they realize," Woody said. "For students, it can take as little as one negative experience and they are ready to go. On the other hand, just one faculty or staff member reaching out can give that same student the encouragement to stay."

Some also feel that the school relies too heavily on student groups to keep students here.

"Greek organizations, the Black Student Association, Collegiate NAACP, etc. can only do so much," says Anthony Prewitt, Hall Director for Cooper Hall and Clement Hall. "The school should offer more academic, financial and social support to meet the needs of minorities."

Communications department reaccredited

Matt Cook
Executive Editor

The UTM Department of Communications has been recommended for reaccreditation last week by a site team for the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC), department chair Dr. Robert Nanney said.

The site team visited the department last Sunday through Wednesday, observing Communications classes, interviewing faculty and holding open discussions with Communications majors.

"We are elated that the ACEJMC site team recommended that we be reaccredited. The team was

impressed by our faculty, our students and the support we receive from our administration," Nanney said.

The site team compiled a 43-page draft report of its findings, recommending that the department be found in compliance with eight of the nine standards of ACEJMC. The eight standards found to be compliant were Mission, Governance and Administration; Curriculum and Instruction; Diversity and Inclusiveness; Full-time and part-time faculty; Scholarship; Research, Creative and Professional Activity; Student Services; Resources, Facilities and Equipment; and Professional and Public Service.

"The Department of Communications has been able to sustain its strong undergraduate curriculum. ... Most students either graduate with a job offer in hand or find a position in the field within a few months," the site team report read.

"The department along with other units on campus has had to stretch its resources as the state continues to experience slow economic growth. Despite these challenges the department continues to attract high-quality students and has kept its excellent reputation for teaching and service across campus," the site team report read.

The department was not found to be in compliance with ACEJMC's newest

standard, Assessment, one that most schools are struggling with, Nanney said.

"We will work diligently to become compliant, and [site] team members provided excellent guidance on how to make that happen," Nanney said.

The site team's findings, currently in draft format, will be reviewed by Communications faculty this week, and then changes to the report will be suggested to ensure a fair and accurate report, Nanney said.

The recommendations from the site team will be presented to a 15-member accrediting committee in Chicago on March 15, and that committee's

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(University Photo)

UTM opens new campus

Whitney Sullivan
Pacer Writer

On Feb. 8, the groundbreaking of the fourth UTM satellite campus took place in Parsons, Tenn., which serves Decatur County and adjacent counties.

Of the 41 faculty members approved to teach in Parsons, there are currently 34 professors teaching the 34 classes. Between 165-175 students attend school now at the Parsons location and close to 200 students will when the new facility is built and occupied in January of 2009. Right now classes are being held in a temporary location in Parsons until the new facility is completed. The director of the Parsons campus, Jason Rushing, hopes there will be between 250-300 students when the campus is in full swing.

"UTM has a good system of establishing off-campus systems. The opening went very smoothly," commented Rushing. Being a native of Parsons and a 2004 graduate of UTM, he is happy to be living in his hometown and working with people he knows.

The new campus offers courses in the traditional classroom format, through online courses and by interactive video format. There are also non-degree courses, workshops, training and youth programs offered.

With the establishment of the Parsons campus, there is a distance learning campus strategically located to cover the entire West Tennessee area. The actual UTM campus covers the northern part of West Tennessee, the Jackson campus is located in the middle, Selmer covers the southern part, Ripley has the western side, and Parsons has the eastern side.

Locations are chosen to include a satellite campus based on the lack of education and economic level of the service area. Opening distance learning campuses creates jobs in the area and provides a college education to local people, so they don't have to drive all the way to the UTM campus which, as a result, enhances the local economy. Parsons was found to have a need for a distance campus.

"Income generated through the Parsons center is a substantial amount to support system. The money goes into a general fund for academic units and student services across campus," said Bill Duffy, Executive Director of Extended Campus and Continuing Education. "It does not take away money from the university."

Spanish professor discuss life, love of Spanish cinema, culture



(Pacer Photo/Will York)

Charlie McIntosh
Technology Editor

Dr. Daniel Nappo, recently appointed chair of the Modern Foreign Language department, may not have been here long, but he has proven himself to be an asset to the campus community.

The Assistant Professor of Spanish has made a name for himself at UT Martin during his near five year tenure with the foreign language department, although his original plans were to teach in a different language entirely.

"Originally I planned on teaching as a Professor of English," said Nappo, who received his Bachelor of Arts in the English language at Saginaw Valley State University. When the UTM Professor began pursuing his Masters at Michigan State University, he gradually became more interested in the prospect of teaching a language other than English instead.

"Over time, I gradually began to lean more towards teaching a foreign language. The opportunities that

being able to speak Spanish brought were welcoming," he said. "I began to immerse myself in the language by spending my breaks in places like Mexico for weeks at a time."

Dr. Nappo ended up receiving his Master of Arts in Comparative Literature from Michigan State University, and then returned to receive his Ph.D in Spanish.

While Nappo's research specialty is Mexican and Chicano literature, his interests also cross into the realm of Mexican cinema. The UTM Professor gave a presentation last week on the prominence of Mexican film during the 1940s, its decline, and how the Mexican film industry stands today against the United States' Hollywood machine.

"Mexican cinema had its golden era during the 1940s," Nappo said. "Due to the Second World War, Mexican directors and producers were putting out higher quality work during this time, receiving critical acclaim for films such as Maria Candelaria, which won the Palme d'or at 1943's Cannes Film Festival.

Nappo noted, however, that Mexican cinema declined after the Second World War, mainly due to Hollywood's reassertion of its hold on the motion picture market.

Dr. Nappo, whose first language is English, considers the task of learning Spanish more intimidating to students than it really is. "If someone can learn English, they can learn any language in the world," he said. "The difficult task is not so much learning Spanish but unlearning English."

The Assistant Professor says he has been proud of his students during his four-and-a-half years at UTM. "The students here at UTM are great because they have so many different reasons for wanting to learn Spanish," said Nappo, who feels that immersion is the best method for picking up a second language.

"While I can't say that the students are more willing to travel, that is certainly something we're working on. We still have many students who are interested in learning the Spanish language for mission trips, and I think that's great."

Buxton: Continued from Cover

accurate.”

The targeted retailers identified by this analysis vary in relation to their demographic audience as well as the type of retail locations frequented. While American Eagle Outfitters generally has locations in “downtown/central business districts, enclosed regional and super regional malls and lifestyle centers,” the other nine businesses can function in “freestanding locations,” according to the report.

American Eagle Outfitters is largely geared towards people who are either young adults or teens with a middle income and represents the number one choice for Martin to pursue for future retailers; however, the highest income bracket of homes within the 15 minute driving time to the proposed retail site is under \$15,000.

Brundige has said that one of the major benefits of this report for the city of Martin is that it will provide the necessary stepping stone to recruit businesses that are familiar with the Buxton group psychographic customer analyses as a means of identifying potential customer bases that may be overlooked.

Currently, the proposed site identified as the ideal retail location appears to be managed by two different companies. Fuller Partners and Stanley Jones have had signs in this location for years advertising the availability of this land for retailers. At least 18 acres are available for anyone interested in buying the land, according to the Fuller Partners sign, and purchasing the land individually is an option.

Buxton identifies the potential tenant space each retailer needs according to their “preferred gross leasable area” that can reflect their “individual flexibility” for the space they may occupy.

With the data from each business averaged into an ideal gross leasable, the total area for a retail center with 25 retailers would be approximately 200,000-300,000 in gross leasable area. This means that there needs to be at least 14 acres of land occupied by a retail space with the possibility of up to 21 acres being dedicated to retail space.

‘After King’s death’ to be topic for conference

Rachel Stephens
Pacer Writer

UTM will host its eighth Annual Civil Rights Conference beginning Monday, Feb. 25.

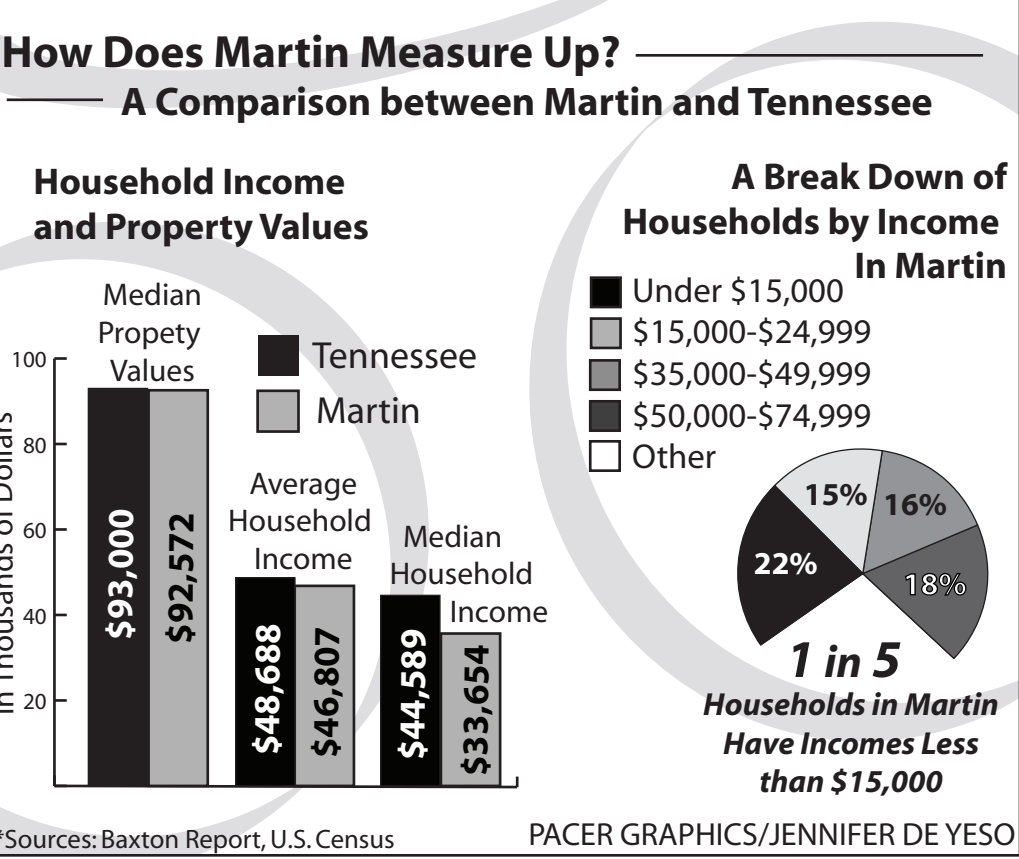
This year's theme is “Civil Rights After Dr. King’s Death.” Key note speakers for the week include Kathleen Cleaver and Diane Nash, both of whom were active participants in the student-led movements of the 1960s.

Opening ceremonies for the week-long conference will be held at 4 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 25 in Watkins Auditorium. The topic will be “Greek Organizations and the Civil Rights Movement”.

The ceremony will be followed by the video “Amazing Grace” in the Norman Campbell Lecture Hall in Humanities at 7 p.m.

Other events during the week include Native American Civil Rights Day and Minority Affairs Day.

“UTM hosts the only regular yearly conference in the nation that focuses on the impact of the Civil Rights Movement in the country,” Dr. David Barber, conference director and UTM professor said.



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Burgraff: Continued from Cover

University—with about 3,700 students—since 2005, Burgraff has been honored for authoring several key grants, including a \$1 million grant for a national student retention program. Burgraff has worked at Kutztown University, Marshall University and Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College. She received her doctorate in 1995 in higher education administration from West Virginia University. “You will never hear me tell faculty how to teach a class,” Burgraff said, describing her leadership style. The university should work in tandem with the city of Martin, she said, mentioning that a rural campus has an obligation to serve its environment. “A university is a community of scholars,” Burgraff said. “But we should also be scholars in the community. ... Martin, Tenn., should benefit from having the university here.” Budgeting—which she said was another strength—should be data-driven and objective, she said. “There should be some

Ornes: Continued from Cover

be cavalier and allow UT Martin to be a leader.” He said the similarities between UTM and Southern Utah—both are in rural areas and have similar enrollment—allow him to be well-prepared for leading Academic Affairs here. Recruiting a strong, diverse faculty is among his top priorities. “My personal approach and philosophy is to be a little more aggressive,” he said. “You have to pay a competitive salary, offer good work conditions and an appropriate work load.” Ornes said he would con-

sider buying a list of recent Ph.D. graduates—thus “increasing your odds of getting someone to come here.” He said satellite campuses pose a unique challenge for UTM, but one he’s prepared to confront. “If they don’t do it at UT Martin,” Ornes said, “they’ll do it somewhere or they’ll find it on the Internet.” But Ornes also said the university should keep its academic standards high—something he said the lottery scholarship could threaten. “I think it is appropriate

formula for the equitable distribution of resources,” Burgraff said. “If we have faculty wondering why one department gets more money than another, I can point to the objective formula.” Giving faculty more opportunities for professional development—and paying for it—is one way of retaining strong faculty and minorities, she said. As dean at Southwest Minnesota, Burgraff allocated \$30,000 for faculty professional development and for travel to conferences.

to ask what percentage of your students get A’s, B’s, C’s, D’s, F’s,” he said. “In all the things that we do, we have to be able to be proud of our students, our teaching performance, our faculty scholarship.” He compared the university’s growth with the biological idea of carrying capacity—the theory that an ecosystem can only support so many organisms competing for limited resources—and said, “Part of my job is to be watchful to know where our carrying capacity is. If we say all growth is good, that’s a recipe for disaster.”

President for Academic and Student Affairs at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, a position he has held since July 2001. This position involves authority of the university’s recruitment and retention efforts, along with enrollment management, including admissions and financial aid. Beck earned his doctorate in musical arts in performance and pedagogy from the University of Iowa in 1989.

A&E Editor David Hampton contributed to this report.

Beck: Continued from Cover

faculty member to grow in their discipline,” he said. Budgeting is another key area Beck said he’s comfortable with. “The way legislatures work, growth will always come first and then the funding,” Beck said in an interview with The Pacer. “There’s a definite cart-and-horse problem.” He said reallocating resources to get the most revenue out of the programs UTM already excels in—like summer school, dual credit and satellite campuses—is necessary to keep the university ahead of the funding. In response to students’ concerns, Beck also proposed a an idea to involve all UT system schools by establishing a core transfer curriculum, which a student could complete at any UT school and then transfer without losing any credit. Beck said his leadership style is of “very open communication.” “If you have a decision coming down the line, it’s nice to be prepared,” Beck said. He said communication, collaboration and consensus should be at the center of any successful academic affairs program. Beck currently holds the position of Associate Vice

Toston: Continued from Cover

High, who resigned abruptly from UT Martin in 2005 to take a job with the University of Tennessee system. During her last year at UTM, High was paid \$123,200 and had a cell phone allowance, university records show. The first round of searches ended with Leroy Durant’s selection in April 2006, but he turned down the job. The search was suspended while the university sought a chancellor to succeed Nick Dunagan, who retired in 2007. Before working at Central Connecticut, Toston was dean of student life and development at Maryville University of St. Louis. Toston has also worked in minority retention, academic enrichment, counseling and assessment. Improving students’ quality of life through data-driven decisions is what makes Toston stand apart, she said in an interview while on campus. She also said constant contact with students coupled with an enrollment management program—creating the right balance between new and graduating students—helps boost graduation rates, something Toston said UTM can benefit from. “Improving the quality of live, creating a vibrant learning, living community will always be at the top of my agenda,” Toston said. Toston will replace Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Steve Vantrease, who said Toston will be a “great asset” to the campus. “I was really excited


about what she’s done with enrollment management and intervention in serving students in distress,” Vantrease said. “She was one of the candidates we as a division thought very highly of.” But Toston will have to confront some challenges when she takes over, Vantrease said, among them being miscommunication among campuses within the University of Tennessee system and how the university delivers services to off-campus centers. Toston earned her doctorate in higher education leadership from the University of Mississippi in 1994, and she has a certificate in management and leadership in education from Harvard. She has also had training in critical incident and security management.

Lifeblood laptops with personal info stolen

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Two laptop computers containing personal information about 320,000 donors to Lifeblood, the Memphis region’s blood bank, have gone missing and are presumed stolen, officials said Wednesday. The laptops were used during mobile blood drives and contain donor names, contact information, blood types, gender, ethnicity, and — for most — Social Security numbers. Lifeblood officials say the computers were double-password protected and it is unlikely that potential thieves could access the information on them. No medical information was kept on the laptops. The computers were first reported missing to management on Jan. 4, said Jennifer Balink, Lifeblood’s senior director of donor relations. There was no evidence of a break-in at the office, where the computers were stored in a room on the second floor where employees need security badges to enter. When an exhaustive internal investigation failed to turn up the computers, she said, the bank decided to notify donors going back to 1990 that their information could be compromised. The news was not made public until all the donors could be contacted first. “We don’t what happened,” she said. “Since there was no outside break-in, our first focus was internal. We were hopeful that we could recover them and have an answer to the mystery and that did not yield results.” Memphis Police are investigating and the bank has offered reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the computers’ recovery.

Donors to the service were encouraged to check with credit-monitoring agencies to prevent identity theft. Assistance paying for credit monitoring will be considered on a case-by-case basis, Balink said. Since the incident, Balink said the bank has moved a security camera to directly film the door to the storage room, has restricted badge access for workers and installed software to track their computers remotely. The not-for-profit blood service collects about 55,000 units of blood a year to cover West Tennessee and parts of Mississippi, Arkansas and Missouri.

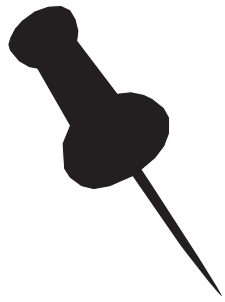
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02/10/2008 at 8:48 p.m. – Cooper Hall – Report taken for harassment. Referred to Student Affairs.	Andrew Hanks for underage drinking (General Sessions) and DUI.
02/11/2008 at 8:30 p.m. – Elam Center – Report taken for a medical assist in reference to a sprained ankle. Student transported to Volunteer Community Hospital by POV.	02/14/2008 at 1:59 a.m. – Lot 19 – Citation issued to Bradley Williams for violation of the registration law (Martin Municipal Court).
02/12/2008 at 10:50 a.m. – Humanities – Report taken for lost property.	02/14/2008 at 10:55 a.m. – Fine Arts – Report taken for lost property.
02/13/2008 at 1:16 p.m. – McCombs Center – Report taken for theft. Investigation continues.	02/14/2008 at 11:30 a.m. – University Center – Report taken in reference to animals on campus. Referred to Student Affairs.
02/14/2008 at 12:28 a.m. – Lot 19 – Report taken for violation of drinking age law. Audrey Hanlon was issued a citation (General Sessions) and Michelle Thompson was referred to Student Affairs.	02/14/2008 at 6:11 p.m. – Lot 10 – Report taken for an accident involving two vehicles.
02/14/2008 at 1:23 a.m. – Moody St. – Citation issued to Amanda Lykins for driving on a suspended license (General Sessions).	02/15/2008 at 2:24 a.m. – Ellington Hall – Report taken for a medical assist. Subject refused transport to the hospital.
02/14/2008 at 3:27 a.m. – Lee St. – Arrest made and citations issued to	02/15/2008 at 9:40 a.m. – Maintenance Center – Report taken for lost property.
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Pacer Meetings Want to write for the student newspaper? Pacer meetings are every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. in Gooch 309. Come sign up for a story so that you can see your byline in next week’s issue of the student newspaper.	Registration is \$12.00 before the race and \$15.00 day of race. The proceeds will benefit the Brian Brown Memorial Greenway Project. T-shirts, awards and door prizes will be available. Please contact Dr. Laura Brown at 731-881-7334 or Mr. Mark Walton at 731-881-7667.	Degrees: Education. Location: Suburban Memphis. If you have any questions, please contact the Employment Information Services, 215 University Center 731-881-7740.	McMillian at 731-881-1833 or by e-mail at holmmcmi@utm.edu .	Zeta Tau Alpha Clothes Drive Zeta Tau Alpha is sponsoring a clothes drive to benefit those affected by the storms that struck Union University. Boxes are located in Ellington, Browning and Cooper dorms. Representative from the sorority will be in the UC from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday to collect: clothes (jeans, coats, shirts, etc.), school supplies and monetary donations.
S.H.A.P.E. Club 5K Run The S.H.A.P.E. Club is sponsoring the Brian Brown Memorial 5K run/walk Sat., March 1 at 10:00 a.m. in front of the Elam.	Interview SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS. Monday, Feb. 25, 2008. Positions: Teachers (K-12 all areas)	Undeclared Club Speaker The Undeclared Club will be hosting a speaker, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in UC room 206. Mayor Willie Spencer will speak on his experiences in politics and corporate America. For more information contact President Holly	Times Talk Tuesday Today Times Talk will feature Matthew McMorries, a UTM student who was deployed in Iraq for over a year under a highly decorated unit. Times Talk is held in Skyhawk Dining, Room 125, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students, faculty and staff are welcome.	

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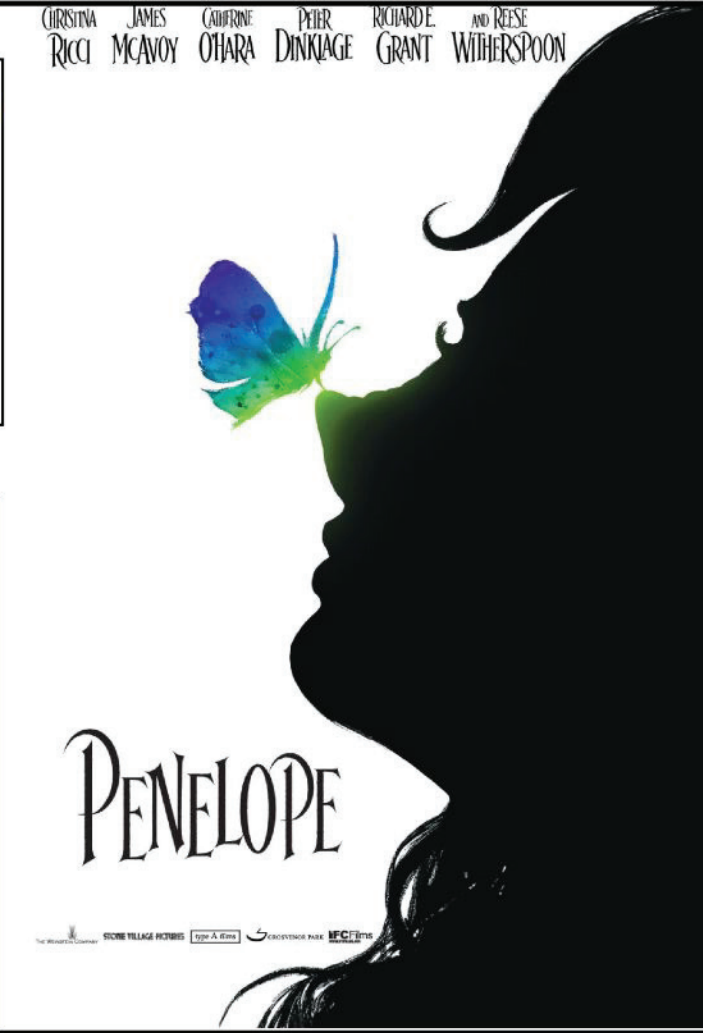
8 STRANGERS
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In *Vantage Point*, two Secret Service agents assigned to protect the Mexican president at a landmark summit on the global war on terror. Chaos ensues when the president is shot just after his arrival in Spain. In the crowd at the time of the incident are 6 strangers, each with a different view of what happened. As the film follows each person's perspective of the same 15 minutes before and after the shooting, the terrifying truth behind the assassination attempt is revealed.

In theatres Friday, February 22.

Penelope is a modern day fairy tale about a young girl's journey to find her true self in the real world. Penelope Wilhern was born afflicted by the Wilhern spell, which can only be broken once she finds true love. Her parents arrange an array of suitors in a futile attempt to break the spell, and each is enamored with Penelope...until they see her face. When Max, a handsome gambler, is hired to pose as a prospective suitor in order to get her picture for a tabloid, he finds himself falling for her and decides to leave before she is disappointed. Hurt by the betrayal, Penelope breaks free of her family and sequestered lifestyle to venture out into the world alone.

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Based on the best selling novel by Philippa Gregory, *The Other Boleyn Girl* is a tale of intrigue, romance, and betrayal in the 16th century. When rumors begin to circulate that King Henry VIII is no longer intimate with his wife, Sir Thoas Boleyn drives his two daughters to court his affections in order to bring the family back to prominence. Initially, Mary wins the king's favor and becomes his mistress, bearing him an illegitimate boy. But the clever and fearless Anne pushes Mary aside as she relentlessly pursues the title of Queen of England. The country is torn apart as the sisters battle for the love of a king.

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HOUSE
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Gregory House, M.D., is a medical genius who heads a team of young diagnosticians at the fictional Princeton-Plainsboro Teaching Hospital in New Jersey. Most episodes start with a cold open somewhere outside the hospital, showing the events leading to the onset of symptoms for that week's main patient. The episode follows the team in their attempts to diagnose and treat the patient's illness. Season 4 of *House* began airing last September and will continue to follow the practice of the Princeton-Plainsboro staff as they unravel medical mysteries until April 24.

The highly acclaimed *Lost* follows the lives of the plane crash survivors of Oceanic Flight 815, who are stranded on a Pacific Island. The island holds many secrets, including a mysterious smoke monster, and a strange group of inhabitants known as "The Others." The survivors have also found signs of those who came to the island before them, such as bunkers belonging to the Dharma Initiative - a group of scientific researchers who inhabited the island in the recent past. Not much is known about the fourth season of *Lost*, which began airing on January 31. A few speculations that have been revealed as true are that someone is coming to the island who is much worse than "The Others", and that there will be a flash-forward revealing that Jack, Ben, Hurley, Kate, and Sayid escape the island. Not all the survivors will make it off the island and there will be more deaths; this season is appar-



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NYC native plays BDx alongside local favorite Old Haul

Nicole Davidson
Pacer Writer

Martin's own BDx Coffee House offers a special blend of artistic expression, attracting musicians and artists from across the nation and nearby.

Last Saturday at BDx Coffee House, folk singer/songwriter Richard Thorne opened for eclectic local group Old Haul. The New York City native hand-picked BDx Coffee to be the starting point of his regional tour throughout the Mid-South and East Coast.

"When I play at a bar, it's like being a human jukebox," Thorne said. "The kids that come to places like this come specifically to enjoy the music and the laid back atmosphere. Venues like coffee shops are places where people are more open and more willing to listen."

Thorne has been involved in music since he was a

child, but he began his career in theatre and dance. New York's anti-folk sentiment prevented him from being able to establish a musical career in the Big Apple. As a result, playing in Martin was an ideal opportunity for exposure in regions of the country that might be more welcoming to his folk sound.

With the University providing a wider and more diverse demographic, more musicians like Richard Thorne are recognizing Martin's potential for providing an open-minded group.

"I like to have a college audience absorbing many different forms of expression," he said. "It's good to

have a more universal audience, and BDx provided a space for that."

Thorne's solo performance brought together various types of listeners, from the young to the old. Thorne's minimalist style, with guitar and vocals only, preceded Old Haul's large folk group style creating a unique variety within two hours of music.

The local favorite, Old Haul, featuring six members all homegrown in West Tennessee, was welcoming to the idea of playing with the traveling folk singer.

"We're open to playing with any artist, from any-

where in the world," said Old Haul banjo player Kyle Stout of Greenfield, Tenn. The friend and family oriented group have been playing at BDx Coffee since last summer, and their audience has grown as a result.

"We always have a great audience whenever we play at BDx," band members said. "We look forward to it every time."

Richard Thorne's next stop will be at the Downtown Tavern in Jackson, Tenn. on Feb. 19th. Old Haul will next be performing a benefit show at BDx Coffee House on March 22.

If any aspiring musicians are interested, BDx is online at www.myspace.com/baroquedcoffee and can be contacted at 731-588-2900.

Technical Editor Charlie McIntosh contributed to this report.



Hypnotist slated to captivate minds at Martin

LoEva Jackson
Pacer Writer

A world renown hypnotist will take over the UT Martin campus soon.

Not really, but Dale K will be performing in Watkins Auditorium on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 9:09 p.m. Dale K, a comedian/hypnotist has a touring series that is based around hypnotizing his audience members.

Volunteers from the audience are asked to participate in each event that interests them. So, every student that attends the show on Thursday night will also have the opportunity to be a part of the act.

Dale K's shows include trances, humans clucking like chickens and many other acts that bring out the "best" of an individual. Dale K suggests that hypnosis is simply the power of suggestion that consist of mind "motivation," rather than mind "control."

So, do you have the desire to find out just what your inner personality consists of? If so, come out Thursday night and show the world just what you are made for.



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After the show

Also, after the comedy/hypnosis show, SAC will be

showing a free preview of the movie "Jumper," which will be showing at the local Martin movie theatre, Cine'. The time of the showing is 11 p.m., and the movie presentation is free to all students with student ID.

UTM student brings blues you can use

LaToya Brent
Pacer Writer

UT Martin's hip-hop talent, previously sheltered, is ready to come to the light. One of its beams is shining bright in junior broadcasting major Scott Dewaters, known to many as Freddy Wycheck.

Wycheck's CD, "Bootleg Blues," is eclectic in form and surely worth checking out. He incorporates a vast array of musical instrumentation and styles. Being influenced heavily by jazz, blues and some underground hip-hop, he has a unique style that shows creativity and passion for the art of music.

With a wide range of influences including The Muse, Lupe Fiasco, Jay-Z, Nas and jazz artists Arturo Sandoval and Miles Davis, it's no wonder "Bootleg Blues" proudly boasts guitars, pianos, hip-hop beats, choral hooks and real lyrics that can be felt by those willing to take the time to listen to the words and understand who this artist is.

Track one, holding the same title as the album, drops rhymes that pray for a change in the current conditions of hip-hop. While listening to this intro track it becomes evident that the CD has potential. The disc goes on to imply that Wycheck is dedicating himself to delivering a higher standard of hip-hop, and not having his music commercialized or to sell-out for a record label.

Tracks like "I'm Back" and "Like That" let the audience know that they will feel "Bootleg Blues." These tracks talk about Wycheck's skills, how he has no fear in music and how he's in the middle of nowhere, Martin, Tenn., creating a revolution of sound. In this collection of songs this artist makes sure to remember the people who have been there for him. He collaborates with friends and humbly gives shout-outs to those who have made a difference in his life and his music. He has people that have touched his life in some way that are from different places and he doesn't leave them



hanging on "Where I'm From," which has a "rep your city" vibe.

Wycheck says that his girlfriend Catrina Rose has been his biggest inspiration. She has a vocal portion on track 5, simply titled "You". This song tells of difficulties in a relationship that survives because of true love. Anyone involved in a relationship could relate to this song. The lyrics are just that real.

The unique style of "Bootleg Blues" holds its own and tracks like "Say Whatchya Wanna Say" prove that the artist is in control. He said that people can be who they want to be and do what they want to do because he is definitely going to be himself. This attitude of individuality also comes forth in the bonus track in which Wycheck says he writes every chance he gets and that he has notebooks full of material.

The album title may be confusing to some, but Freddy Wycheck breaks it down into graspable terms. He says that "Bootleg" refers to the fact that he is making music on a budget. This album was produced and recorded in his home studio. The quality of the CD does not allude to this fact. He chose "Blues" because blues music is among his biggest inspirations, as well as jazz.


Wycheck said that he hopes to do an on-campus performance in the near future. Meanwhile, check out the CD and the artist at www.myspace.com/fredwycheck.



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From the Geek Corner
Finding a way using the web

Search engines like Google and Yahoo receive countless of queries each day from people wanting to know about something. Don't tell our professors, but for many of us here in college Google is a valuable researching tool used to gather information about a particular topic. It is certainly not news that search engines have an essential part of our web-based world, but can be used for higher purposes than learning the latest news about Brittany Spears.

This week the technology section includes a blend of stories relating to doing things easier online. Whether it is learning how to make something yourself instead of buying an expensive factory made product, or finding ways to save money on different products by using online resources, the internet is rich in resources just waiting to be used

Far too often we pigeon-hole our use of the Internet. We check Facebook or look up cliff notes on Google, and never really utilize the vast amounts of knowledge that the web holds. It all boils down to motivation and incentive.

Students will spend a small fortune on books at local book stores instead of buying texts cheaply online. Why do people do this? Is it the wait or the small risk involved? I tend to believe that there is more



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to this than meets the eye. People are going to do what they are going to do and tradition and routine run rampantly amongst students, but if there is any advice I could ever give with this column I would suggest simply that one step out of the box to discover ways of making their lives easier using the resources not only online, but provided technology.

"Far too often we pigeon-hole our use of the internet. We check Facebook or look up cliff notes on Google, and never really utilize the vast amounts of knowledge that the web holds."

I challenge everyone to take a look around the web. Chances are any thing you are buying can be found more cheaply and anything you want can be made using yourownskills and house hold items. The web is there for just this sort of information, so use it and enjoy it. Google is great for researching topics but they don't always have to be mundane subjects or pertaining to class work and normal school assignments.

The tech section constantly tries to provide an avenue of knowledge about the ways in which students can use the technology around us to improve the quality of their lives. This week's section is a prefect example of just that. Enjoy.



www.musiccovery.com
Heather Peterson
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This weeks website of the week is www.musiccovery.com, a free site for you to listen to music based on your mood and the genre of music you like. It is set up for you to choose either positive or dark and either energetic or calm.

You click on your mood and it starts playing music based on that. It shows the album cover and has links for you to buy it from Amazon or eBay. If the music selection is too broad, you can narrow your search by genre and decade. This site is completely free and isn't cluttered with tons of ads, just one on the sidebar.

What makes this such a good site is because it selects music based on your mood, so instead of creating a playlist on your iTunes or media player it does everything for you. It is also a great way to find new music you might not have previously heard of.

It has an option for you to register with the site still free for basic service, if you register, you can mark songs you like and ban others.

You could also become a premium member, which would allow you to have access to all the songs you marked as your favorite. The service is four dollars a month. Unlike other music sites, you never have to register with them you can listen all the time with out ever joining. The only thing is if you never register, you can't pick favorites or ban ones you dislike.

I really liked this site because I was able to find new bands that I had never heard of and some I never would have thought I enjoyed. Another thing that I found enjoyable is that you can tweak the levels so if you set your mood as dark but the music wasn't fitting your mood you could keep dropping it down until you found something that better suited your mood. You can adjust the levels from calm to energetic.

If the site really appeals to you, there is an option where you can add the program to your cell phone. It however seems to be limited to only certain models of Nokia phones.

On the net:
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Textbook battle: the best spots for the best bargain

Katie Mercuri
Pacer Writer

The hassle of buying textbooks each year is hard to understand. Why does a book that costs \$16 one semester get a price hike to \$30 the next? Each year it seems the costs of textbooks are rising. More and more student are going online to find a better deal.

A Google search finds 133 million results for textbooks. In a world of "deals," which places really have what students are looking for?

Word of mouth has educated students on the best way to buy textbooks. Web sites like BigWords.com have made the online textbook buying experience much easier. BigWords' slogan is "Protecting the universe from high textbook prices since the dawn of time." The site takes some of the frustration out of textbooks and a little bit of humor at the same time.

Humor can be found in unexpected places at BigWords.com. They offer a list of actual big words for the customer's enjoyment. Browsing the site is amusing and easy to do.

The site does not sell any products, but rather searches the more well

known textbook sites for the user. Tell the Uber-BOT, the BigWords.com mascot, which books users want and as the site searches for textbooks, the site tells some pretty funny jokes on a "loading screen."

The search engine finds the best price on one site and the lowest prices from a combination of sites. Along with finding the lowest prices online, they seek out promotion codes and discounts on the site for a few more bucks off.

BigWords.com does not just search for new and used books, but also everything students want from cigars and tobacco accessories, sheet music and perfumes, and colognes. Just check it out and experience the fun.

Debbie Zimmerle, a senior political science major from Chapel Hill, Tenn., has been buying her textbooks online through sites like Amazon and Half.com for the last two years. The biggest hassle for her is books being back ordered and having to wait for books to be shipped.

"The positives of ordering online definitely outweigh the alternatives," Zimmerle said.

Online purchasing is not the only way to get the textbooks students

need. The UTM Bookstore is keeping up with local and online competitors by offering convenience and unique merchandise to students.

Bookstore manager Sam Covington knows that students are going to go where they can find their books for the cheapest price. The bookstore offers price matching with other bookstores in town. According to Covington, they cannot keep up with the prices offered online, so they resort to selling other products to keep students coming back for more. The bookstore can even order books other than textbooks such as literary books for students, saving them the shipping costs.

Peace of mind brings students back to the bookstore, Covington said. "Students know they are getting what the instructor requires."

Covington also said she believes the experience of shopping on campus is attractive to students.

Because of a state law passed this summer all facility are required to inform the bookstore of books they wish to assign to their class. The bookstore then e-mails the teachers back with new and used

prices. One hundred percent of the professors are required to approve of the prices before the bookstore can place their orders for the upcoming semester. Another stipulation of the new law states that the bookstore must display the ISBN of all textbooks on their Web site.

Textbooks are expensive no matter where students buy them. Some tips for having a euphoric textbook buying experience: Don't buy from the first place you find. Shop around and you will be more likely to find a good deal. Do not wait until a week before classes to start buying your books – you will be sad when some of them are on backorder and you have a wait for the entire order because of a copy of "Frankenstein". Try to sell back to the bookstore because they use the savings from used textbooks and in turn save students money.

Take the chance of buying a book online, and you might just be pleasantly surprised. If you find that it is more hassle than it is worth, then go to the local bookstore.

Next semester, get out there and buy some over-priced books.

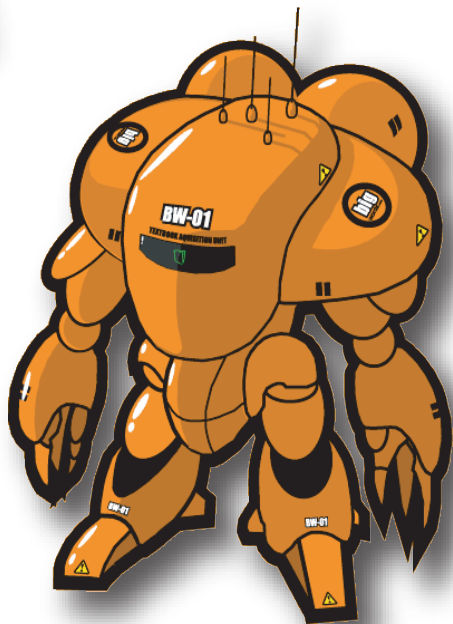
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How to create your own authentic photography studio

Matt Cook
Executive Editor

University Photographer Trevor Ruszkowski has come a long way since he took his first pictures on his dad's camera.

Ruszkowski, who now shoots campus events ranging from athletic games to alumni receptions, said his photographic beginnings were humble.

"There was a beaver in our neighborhood pond, so I grabbed my dad's camera. And that's how I got my start," Ruszkowski said.

Ruszkowski now shoots in a studio that is about twice the floor space of his small office, both lined with some of his best campus shots, and has two student

workers to assist with the busy schedule at UTM.

Studio photography has its advantages over ambient light, Ruszkowski said.

"Studios are handy because you don't have to worry about weather," Ruszkowski said. "You can set stuff up without having to take it down right away. When [photographing] a product, you shoot it, load it on a computer and if you need to come back to it you don't have to go set it up again."

Students interested in photography should be warned that setting up a studio is not an easy or cheap endeavor.

Lights and floor space are generally the most expensive and most difficult

aspects of starting a studio. Ruszkowski said that four new lights and two power supplies recently installed in the Elam Center cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

A good size studio was 40 feet square with 15 to 20 feet ceilings, he said.

For students living on campus or on a tight budget, there are ways around paying thousands of dollars to take good photos while still in college.

Light kits with a couple lights, stands and umbrellas (for reflecting light onto the subject) are available through online camera specialty stores and Amazon.com for around \$400, but price frequently reflects quality when it comes to lights.

Ruszkowski said that do-it-yourself type people can save a lot of money by constructing their own light boxes.

"For some of our studio lights, we built boxes out of plywood and put in fluorescent bulbs that cost around \$125," Ruszkowski said.

Backdrops and specialized lights can be secondary purchases, after basic lights.

Ruszkowski's final piece of advice was to master photography using sunlight before setting up a studio.

"If you can't shoot it outside, you can't shoot it inside," Ruszkowski said. "Lights inside basically replicate what is outside."

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Union softball team practices at UTM after devastating tornado

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As they made their way outside from makeshift first-floor bathroom bunkers, members of Union University's softball team were unprepared for the scene upon them.

At first it was too dark to see, but their ears told enough of the story for them to understand. Their much-cherished and close-knit community was in utter disarray. Car alarms sounded off from every corner of the campus. Panicked voices called out into the darkness, "Are you okay? Is anyone hurt?"

Then, as rescue crews arrived with sirens screaming, the emergency vehicles' rotating red bulbs revealed the rest of the story: 40 percent of the campus's buildings destroyed, another 40 percent badly damaged, 51 students rushed to the hospital and close to 85 percent of cars on campus wrecked or totaled.

The 14-member softball team had been spread across three different dormitory buildings the night of Tuesday, Feb. 5, when an F-4 tornado with winds of up to 260 mph decimated their Jackson, Tenn. campus. When the players emerged from the rubble of their dorms, their immediate thoughts centered on their friends and teammates.

Once they learned everyone was safe, their minds moved to other questions. "Will I still be able to graduate in May? What about our season? Will we even have a softball season?"

The scene was much more subdued Sunday night, 52 miles to the north, as the softball team, together for the first time since the tornado, piled out of a line of cars in front of Browning Hall, on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

"It was so sad to see them get out of those cars with their Union University pullovers on, some of them in their own cars, some of them in cars they'd rented," said Debbie Dane, wife of Phil Dane, the director of athletics at UT Martin.

The Danes met first-year



Union's Candace Cross practices with the Union softball team in the Elam Center. Cross said, "The grace of God is what got us through (the night of the tornado)." (University Relations/Trevor Ruszkowski)

Union head softball coach Heather Hall and her team at Browning Hall to help them unload and move in. They also gave each player a welcome basket filled with goodies — Gatorade, granola bars, popcorn, toiletries, boxes of Valentine's Day cards, Frisbees — donated by members of the UT Martin athletics department, housing staff and the Danes' church, the First Baptist Church in Martin.

"When I knew the girls were coming to campus I thought we needed to get some welcome baskets to roll out the red carpet for them," Debbie said.

Union coach Heather Hall said, "I had to try and find a place where everybody could be together, because I really wanted everybody to be together so we could not just start practices because that's really secondary, but just be together as a team and a group and kind of reconnect. I knew they would be a good support system for each other because they all had been through something really traumatic."

Hall had been a graduate assistant softball coach at UT Martin for two years before landing the job at Union. She continued to live in Martin and most of her connections were still in the Martin area. Hall began working those connections almost as soon as she knew all her players were okay.

"That was my major con-

cern, making sure everyone was okay and accounted for," says Hall.

The tornado struck Union at about 7 p.m.; it wasn't until after 10 p.m. that Hall learned all her players were unhurt.

"I wanted to cry, but I just had to get in touch with everybody, so I just headed for my phone and started calling all the girls and making sure they were all safe," she said.

Hall had watched the drama unfold on TV from her home in Martin.

"It was a really horrible feeling of being helpless. I'm all the way here, everyone's down there," she said.

Initially Hall had arranged for her team to stay in a four-bedroom rental house in Dresden. Then on Friday she called her former employer to see about getting some practice time in the Elam Center for her team.

Phil Dane and Gina McClure, director of campus recreation, marked off time in the gym the following week for Hall's team. With the help of Phyllis Hammer, campus recreation's administrative assistant, they also began collecting items Hall had mentioned she would need for the house — beds, a TV and toilet paper.

Still brainstorming over the weekend about how he could help Hall and provide her team with everything they needed, Dane says his wife Debbie sug-

gested looking into dorm rooms on campus. The dorm rooms would be fully furnished, give the team more space and be much more convenient for getting back and forth to practice. Dane immediately called UT Martin's housing director Earl Wright, who said he had seven rooms available in Browning Hall.

Since Sunday night, the Union softball team has stayed in Browning Hall, eaten in UT Martin's dining hall and conducted workouts and practices in UT Martin's athletic facilities.

"I am glad that coach Hall felt like she could call on her former co-workers for help when she needed it," Dane said. "We are more than glad to do all we can to help coach Hall and the Union team while they are in need."

Hall says it has been both convenient, and cathartic, for her team to be in a university setting again. But it hasn't only been UT Martin that has helped Hall and her team get going again this week.

Ken-Tenn Sports in Martin donated 14 pairs of indoor training shoes to the team, most of whom didn't have any shoes to practice. Full Count Sports Academy, a private baseball/softball training facility in Martin, made time for the team to hit in its cages throughout the week. The City of Martin's Park and Recreation Department also offered its softball complex and fields for the team to practice outdoors.

"The community around here in Martin has helped tremendously and has made this transition so much better," Hall said.

UT Martin head softball coach Donley Canary has also played a role in welcoming the Union softball team to campus. The day after the tornado struck, he called Hall to see if there was anything he could do to help. This week he and his wife Jenny had the team over for dinner and gave the players socks and sweatshirts.

"I'm glad the Union softball team has been able to continue to train and practice this week," Canary said. "If you don't do anything for two weeks you

lose all of your condition-

ing." The Union softball team is thankful for the abundance of practice time it has had. The Lady Bulldogs' season begins Feb. 21, in a home exhibition double-header against Jackson State Community College. Serendipitously, the Union softball and baseball fields were left untouched by the tornado. In fact, the tarp covering the baseball field didn't even budge.

"After the initial shock wore off, we began to think of whether or not we would have a season," senior team captain Candace Cross said. "The athletic facilities were some of the only buildings on campus not hit. With the facilities still being intact, we are able to see that we could still have a season, but that it will still be a difficult road emotionally."

Even so, the team is feeling positive about the upcoming season.

"The storms and what we have been through have changed the team," junior outfielder Kristen Kirk said. "In just this short time it has brought us closer. We expect it to continue bringing us closer and hopefully by the end of the season we will be able to look back at this as a building point in our season. It has definitely bonded us together."

Anything the team might face on the field will pale in comparison to the adversities they faced in real life.

That night Kirk, Cross, another teammate and three friends sat crouched on the floor in a first-floor bathroom while outside, cars were being flipped, trees were being flattened and buildings were being ripped apart. As the tornado touched ground, their ears popped, the floor rolled and the walls shook.

"It was so loud," said Brittany Burkett, a sophomore infielder from Eads, Tenn., who was hiding in the bathroom of another dormitory nearby.

In the bathroom where Kirk and Cross sought shelter, a two-by-four came smashing through the wall over the bathtub, just six inches above the heads of two girls who had huddled in the tub.

When all six girls stumbled out of the bathroom

unharmd, broken debris and glass littered the floor. The living room they had just been sitting in was gone. The outside wall had been torn away, and they could see straight outside.

"Nothing we could have done could have prevented that night from happening and only the grace of God got us through it safely. He spared each of us for a reason and one day we will learn what that reason is," Kirk said.

"The grace of God is what got us through that night," agrees Cross. "Through that experience I learned that if you trust him to watch over you, he will, and that is exactly what he did."

Cross, a nursing student from Lebanon, Tenn., immediately began helping those she encountered with minor injuries, as she and the rest of the campus gathered in the Savage Memorial Chapel of the Penick Academic Complex.

Cross, along with teammate and fellow nursing student Michelle Albonetti, worked triage in the immediate aftermath and together were able to help treat more than 25 injured students.

The Union softball team displayed its grit and bravery that night, strengths the team hopes to transfer to the diamond this season. Hall also hopes to build on the team unity and solidarity that has developed in the days since the tornado struck for a successful 2008 campaign.

"I think our whole season is really going to be well-focused and driven," Hall said. "It's a wonderful bunch of 14 girls that work together and strive for excellence."

Hall also knows that any success her team experiences this season will be due in part to the help they received from UT Martin and the surrounding community.

"It's just been a really open community in Martin," Hall said. "Everybody has helped work around us, and has made us feel very comfortable."

"Our success this season is going to be success for everybody, because everybody has contributed and helped us."

Rifle team comes up short at NCAA Sectionals

Emily Yocum
Pacer Writer

The UT Martin rifle team finished their season over the weekend in the NCAA Sectionals at the University of Mississippi with under-achieving results.

Coach Bob Beard was hoping for a combined smallbore and air rifle total score of 4500, but the team came up just short.

"We ended up 17 points below the score that I was hoping they would shoot. Overall, I am disappointed because we shot below our average, and because I know that we can shoot better than that. Our score of 4483 will probably come close to the top twenty in the nation, but a 4500 would have guaranteed it" Beard said.

Two other teams that competed against the Skyhawks, Jacksonville State and Murray State, also had a hard time at the Sectionals, and will not be going to the NCAA Championships as expected.

The Sectional match was the last match of the season for the Skyhawks, and the last match in the collegiate careers of seniors Wrenda

Curd and Emily Yocum.

Curd and Yocum had one similar personal goal going into their last match. They both wanted to shoot a ten on the last shot of their college shooting careers.

"I was concentrating hard just to shoot a ten and end my career on a good note. It took me three tries just to get the shot off, and I made the perfect shot," Curd said.

Curd shot a 533 in smallbore and a 554 in air rifle, and Yocum shot a 547 in smallbore and a 560 in air rifle.

Heather Tillson, Kellie Zurowski and Robbie Burrows were squadded in both guns for the Sectional. Tillson fired a 561 in smallbore and a 582 in air rifle, Burrows fired a 558 in smallbore and a 553 in air rifle and Zurowski fired a 562 in smallbore and a 573 in air rifle.

Curd was squadded as the fourth person in smallbore, and she fired a score of 533. Squadded as the fourth person in air rifle, freshman Kaitlin Chaffin fired a 563.

Even though the season was disappointing in the end, Tillson has a positive



Wrenda Curd and Emily Yocum pose after their last collegiate rifle match in the NCAA Sectionals at the University of Mississippi on Saturday. (Pacer Photo/Heather Tillson)

outlook for next season.

"We had a great season with a lot of triumphs and tribulations, and we all had a lot of fun together this

year. Next August though, we will be ready to compete again and do even better than before," Tillson said.

Men's basketball claims OVC berth

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The trio of Lester Hudson, Gerald Robinson and Marquis Weddle claimed individual accolades and led the UT Martin men's basketball team to two huge victories last week.

Weddle scored 29 points and Robinson had 26 points and 10 rebounds to lead UTM to an 82-79 win at Tennessee Tech Thursday night.

On Saturday, Hudson recorded a triple-double to lead the Skyhawks to a 98-85 home victory over Southeast Missouri State.

Hudson had 26 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists in the game. He earned his fifth Ohio Valley Conference newcomer of the week award.

Robinson also had another double-double in the game. The senior scored 26 points and pulled down 15 rebounds. He was named the OVC player of the week.

Weddle chipped in 14 points and claimed the

OVC freshman of the week honor.

Freshman Benzor Simmons continues to show improvement each game. He scored a career-high 20 points in the victory.

The Skyhawks are now 11-8 in the OVC standings and 15-14 overall. This season has already been the most successful in a while.

With last week's two wins, the Skyhawks claimed a berth in the OVC postseason tournament. They are guaranteed at least a fifth-place finish, and they have a chance to finish as high as third in the league standings. In order for this to happen, Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State will have to lose their final three games and UTM will have to win their final OVC match-up. If the Skyhawks finish third or fourth in the standings, they will host a first-round tournament game.

The Skyhawks return to action at Elon this Saturday. They will finish the regular season at OVC opponent Murray State on March 1.